



PARENT HANDBOOK

**including Lyrics and
Audition Information**

FALL 2026

Everything you need to know
about KidsPraise.

AnastasiaKids.com

We're so glad your children are joining us! Anastasia Kids, the children's ministry of Anastasia Church, partners with families to help children grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Through age-appropriate worship, we create a space where kids belong to God's family, grow in faith, serve others, and share Christ with the world.

KidsPraise, our worship + arts ministry for kids, meets Wednesday evenings during the school year from 6–7:15 pm at Anastasia Church on the Island. You'll find all the details in this handbook and on our website.

Our team of staff and 80+ volunteers is passionate about helping children build a strong foundation of biblical truth—so they can make wise choices, grow deeper in faith, and develop lasting relationships. Together, we believe church and home can guide kids toward a lifelong relationship with Jesus.

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Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150:6

What is KidsPraise?

Anastasia KidsPraise is our midweek worship and arts ministry for **children ages four (by September 1st) through 5th grade**. Our mission is to help kids know Jesus as their Savior and grow into lifelong worshipers of God by offering their gifts and talents back to Him through music, arts, and media.

Our main purpose is praise and worship; we culminate the fall semester with a concert performance showcasing the music we've been learning. All children are included in this performance.

- Typically, a couple of elective classes perform, such as dance or drum.
- Early in the semester, 1st-5th grade students have the opportunity to audition for a few special singing and narration roles, which comprise just a small part of the overall performance. These special parts have required rehearsals outside regular KidsPraise time.

When: Wednesday evenings, 6:00–7:15 p.m., during the school year

Structure: Two semesters

- **Fall:** Early September – Early December; Culminates with a Christmas Concert Performance
- **Spring:** Late January – Late April

Program Details:

- **1st–5th Grade:** Each semester includes **two consecutive six-week elective classes**, chosen during registration, allowing kids to explore different artistic areas. The last few weeks of the Fall semester are heavily focused on preparation for the concert.
- **VPK/Fours & Kindergarten:** Also follows a two-semester structure, but each week stands alone with Bible stories, crafts, music, and snacks designed just for their age group. The last few weeks of the Fall semester are heavily focused on preparation for the concert.

ELECTIVE CLASS TEAMS (1st-5th Grade)

GOD'S CANVAS (ART) / Room 5 / Class Size: 20-24

Director: Annie Nardone

Adult Assistants: Teresa Andrews (sign holder), Mary Melfi

BRAIN CHALLENGES + PUZZLES / The Q / Class Size: 20-24

Director: Allie Patrou

Adult Assistants: Bethany Douglas (sign holder), Katie Welch

DANCE / The Game Room / Class Size: 13-15

Director: Anna Curtin

Adult Assistant: Sheila Mason (sign holder), Vickie Woltner

DRUM / CLC / Class Size: 20-25

Director: Evan Nicolosi

Adult Assistants: Eric Curtin (sign holder), Kyle Strotz, Brayden Fedak-Johns (Y)

FISHING / WC 108 / Class Size: 10

Director: Donna Frantz

Adult Assistants: Glenda Thompson (sign holder), Jon Thompson, Russell Brown

HELPING HANDS / Room 4 / Class Size: 25

Director: Jane Johnson

Adult Assistants: Kim Busbee (sign holder), Rebecca Hannesson, Candice Kropfeld

LEGO / NextGen 2nd Floor Worship Room / Class Size: 25-30

Director: Christy Valentin

Adult Assistants: Kathy Halter (sign holder), Will Drawdy, Kristle Jones, Lori Moore, Amanda Wadsworth

LINE DANCING / Room 1 / Class Size: 13-15

Director: Hilary Fisler

Adult Assistant: Sabrina Kirkendall (sign holder), Diane Nettles

MISSION POSSIBLE / Room 2 / Class Size: 13-15

Directors: Kim Craig & Donna Nicolosi (sign holder)

REC+GAMES / Rec Center / Class Size: 40-50

Director: Doug Stauffer

Adult Assistants: Jacky Nero (sign holder), Taylor Byrd, Jonathan McClure, April Sheltz, Danny Smith

Youth Assistants: Jackson Cain (Y), Logan Fischer (Y), Ashlynn Pierce (Y)

SEW MUCH FUN / Room 3 / Class Size: 20-24

Co-Directors: Erin Ginn & Kim Runk

Adult Assistant: Caity Ginn (sign holder), Susan Stauffer

WOODWORKING / WC Room 106 / Class Size: 12

Director: Mac Gamache

Adult Assistant: Kim Storms (sign holder), Cheryl Norman (after 9/2)

DETAILED CHECK-IN + DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

VPK/FOUR'S AND KINDERGARTEN / 6:00 - 7:00 PM

CHECK-IN: Parents check in and pick up children aged VPK/Fours through Kindergarten from the 1st Floor of the NextGen Center.

- We begin accepting children at 5:45 p.m.
- Children of volunteers are accepted at 5:40 so they may get to their own stations in time.
- **Parents do not go into VPK+K classrooms.**

We use KidCheck, our Sunday security and attendance software, to check-in our VPK/Fours and Kindergartners.

- Each week, parents will input their phone numbers into the iPads in the NextGen 1st Floor Lobby or the Atrium and receive printed name tags and guardian receipts for their kids. You will choose their location as KP Fours or KP Kindergarten as their "Location."

DISMISSAL: Parents must present the **BLUE PICK UP CARD** they received when they dropped their child off at their classroom. If you do not have your Pick Up Card, you must go to the Connection Table in the Atrium to obtain one after confirming your identity as an approved pick up person.

FIRST THRU 5TH GRADES / 6:00 - 7:15 PM

CHECK-IN: All 1st-5th grade children check in alphabetically by last name in the Atrium. Groups are A-G (pink), H-L (green), M-Q (purple) and R-Z (orange). Kids receive their name tags from the secretaries and go directly to the CLC where they are seated by elective class.

- Children of volunteers are accepted into the CLC at 5:40 so they may get to their own stations in time. Volunteer kids' name tags are kept at the KidsPraise Atrium table along with volunteer name tags.
- **Parents do not go into the CLC or elective classrooms.**

DISMISSAL: All 1st-5th grade children are dismissed from the CLC. Groups are the same as check-in: A-G (pink), H-L (green), M-Q (purple) and R-Z (orange). Starting at 7:15 pm, parents give their Pick-Up Cards with their child's name on it to their secretary in order to retrieve their child. KidsPraise Volunteers then go in to the CLC to bring kids out and return Pick Up Cards to parents.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DETAILED SCHEDULE

5:00 PM	Family Dinner served in the CLC
5:30-5:40 PM	Volunteers arrive
5:40 PM	• Lead teachers for VPK+K must be in classroom • VPK+K kids of volunteers may check into classroom • 1st-5th grade kids of volunteers check-in with secretaries and go to CLC. • 1st-5th grade kids can recite Scripture 5:45-6:00 pm
5:45 PM	Check-in begins for all Children • VPK+K check in Atrium & NextGen Lobby using KidCheck kiosks • 1st-5th grade check in with Atrium secretaries then go into CLC and sit with their elective classes.
6:00 PM	1st-5th Grade begins dismissing elective classes from CLC to classrooms
6:00 - 7:00 PM	VPK+K remain self-contained in 1st Floor NextGen Center
6:05-6:40 PM	Elective Classes meet
6:45 - 7:15 PM	Music Rehearsal & Rap Up Rally / CLC - all 1st-5th Graders
7:00 PM	VPK+K begin dismissing from classrooms. <i>Parents attending an on-campus ministry group or Bible study have til 7:15 pm to pick up VPK+K.</i>
7:10 PM	• Dismissal Secretaries begin accepting Pick-Up cards. • All 1st-5th graders back to CLC for dismissal. • KP volunteers with VPK+K children are released to pick up their kids.
7:15 PM	1st-5th graders dismissal from CLC
7:15 PM	• 1st-5th grade kids of Anastasia Students volunteers are taken to the NextGen Center. • VPK+K children of Anastasia Students volunteers stay with Hannahlee Goedelman on the NextGen 1st Floor. • 1st-5th grade kids of KP volunteers sit in the CLC front row awaiting completion of dismissal.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

VPK+K Verses

September

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Psalms 150:6

October

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come to Him with songs of joy.

Psalms 100:2

November

I will praise God's name by singing to Him.

Psalms 69:3a

1st-5th Grade Verses

Verse 1: September/October

Praise the Lord. Praise God in His holy temple.

Praise Him in His mighty heavens.

Praise Him for His powerful acts.

Praise Him because He is greater than anything else.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

Psalms 150: 1-2; 6

Verse 2: November/December

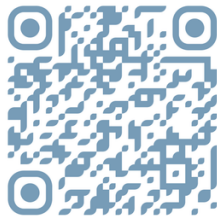
"I will praise God's name by singing to Him.

I will bring Him glory by giving Him thanks."

Psalms 69:3

YOUTUBE PLAYLISTS

Visit our YouTube channel
@anastasiakids_island to find Fall 2026
playlists containing the music we're learning
this semester. Scan the QR code or visit
www.youtube.com/@anastasiakids_island



PLEASE play the music for your kids in the car
or your home to help them learn the songs!

VPK+K ATTENDANCE RIBBONS

VPK+ K kiddos who attend each Wednesday of September and October will receive an attendance ribbon and a sweet treat on the first Wednesday of the next month.

1st-5th ATTENDANCE TAGS

First thru 5th graders who attend each Wednesday of September and October will have an attendance dog tag and a sweet treat placed in their name tag holders on the first Wednesday of the next month.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY CHALLENGE

God wants His children to know what is in His Word so that we can learn, grow strong, and live the life He created us to live. We emphasize the importance of learning scripture in all of our children's ministry age groups. Each semester, multiple age-appropriate Memory Verses are announced for each age group (PreK+K and 1st-5th Grade).

VPK/FOURS + Kindergarten

VPK/Fours and Kindergartners receive a prize for each verse completely memorized and recited to a KidsPraise Adult Volunteer in their classroom. Children must be able to say the verse, book, chapter and scripture number without the help of an adult or other child. Begins the second week of the semester.

First-5th Grade

When they're ready to recite that month's verse, 1st-5th graders visit the Scripture Memory Desk in the Atrium on Wednesdays from 5:45 – 6:00 pm BEFORE checking in to KidsPraise. Children must be able to say the verse, book, chapter and scripture number without the help of an adult or other child. Begins the second week of the semester.

Kids receive their prize tag and a piece of candy upon successfully completing the verse. First through 5th graders who memorize all six verses from both semesters will receive a Scripture Medal at the end of the KidsPraise year.



**VPK+KINDER and 1st-5th GRADE
ENSEMBLE, NARRATION, RAP & SOLO AUDITIONS
FOR OUR DECEMBER 9th CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

WHEN & WHERE ARE AUDITIONS AND HOW DO WE SIGN UP?

Wednesday, September 16th and Wednesday, September 23rd

3:30-5:30 pm in the NextGen Center 2nd floor "Quiet Room"

- Contact The KidsPraise Team to schedule a 10-minute audition time slot at kids@anastasiachurch.org

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR FROM EACH CHILD AUDITIONING?

- Know the name of the song and part they're auditioning for **BY MEMORY** – for example, "Ms. Tamre, I'm going to sing the first solo in "All is Well."
- Be prepared to read or sing other scriptures/solos
- Show us that you can make eye contact, let some personality shine through while singing or speaking and that you can match pitch.
- An understanding that due to the large number of kids who audition, not every child will receive a part.

IF CHOSEN, CHILDREN MUST COMMIT TO:

- Attend 2 extra rehearsals on Wednesdays between October 7th and December 2nd. These rehearsals will be an assigned 10-minute time slot between 4 and 5:30 p.m.
- Attend the **REQUIRED** Tech Rehearsal on Monday, December 7th at 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
- Attend the **REQUIRED** Dress Rehearsal on Monday, December 7th at 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Attend the **REQUIRED** performance on Wednesday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m.
- Memorizing not only their part, but also where it happens in the song and or in the program.

WHAT ARE THE SPECIAL PARTS?

Lyrics for raps, solos, and speaking parts are all **highlighted in YELLOW** in the full lyrics contained in the Parent Handbooks.

**The only solos available to VPK+K are the first two verses of the first song "It's Christmas."*

***Additional narrations will be added. Children interested in a narration part or scripture verse should audition with the **September/October scripture memory verse**.*

WHEN AND WHERE WILL AUDITION RESULTS BE POSTED?

Audition results will be posted by 4 pm on September 29th at AnastasiaKids.com/midweek-kidspraise/

KIDSPRAISE ~ Christmas 2026

1st-5th grade

IT'S CHRISTMAS (Opening Song w/ PreK+K & 1st-5th)

VERSE 1 – VPK or K Solo

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

VERSE 2 – VPK, K or 1st -5th grade Solo

The cattle are lowing; the Baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle til morning is nigh.

CHORUS – All PreK+K and 1st-5th Grade

It's Christmas! The angels are singing,
and I know the reason, the Savior is born.
It's Christmas! The bells are ringing,
and I feel like shouting, Joy to the world!

VERSE 3 – 1st-5th Grade

Be near me, Lord Jesus. I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

CHORUS – All PreK+K and 1st-5th Grade

It's Christmas! The angels are singing,
and I know the reason, the Savior is born.
It's Christmas! The bells are ringing,
and I feel like shouting, Joy to the world!

It's Christmas! The angels are singing,
and I know the reason, the Savior is born.
It's Christmas! The bells are ringing,
and I feel like shouting, Joy to the world!
Joy to the world!
Joy to the world!

VPK+Kindergarten Only Songs

Bethlehem

Chorus

Bethlehem, Bethlehem,
we are going to Bethlehem.
Bethlehem, Bethlehem,
we are going to Bethlehem. (Repeat)

Verse 1

The angel said, "Look for a King."
"A baby, born in Bethlehem."
We just left everything
To look for the baby in Bethlehem.

Chorus

Bethlehem, Bethlehem,
we are going to Bethlehem.
Bethlehem, Bethlehem,
we are going to Bethlehem.

Silent Night

Verse 1

Silent night, holy night,
the star showed the way.
Silent night, holy night,
to a stable of hay.
There in a manger,
the sweet baby lay.
Silent night, a holy night.

Verse 2

Silent night, holy night,
under the star.
Silent night, holy night,
just as we are.
We came to worship,
God here with us.
Silent night, a holy night.

VPK+Kindergarten Only Songs

Look! It's a Baby

Verse 1

Look! It's a baby, a little itty bitty baby.
He is God's Son,
The long awaited one.
He's just a little itty bitty baby.

Verse 2

Look! It's a baby, a little itty bitty baby.
This is Jesus, He came to save us.
He's just a little itty bitty baby.
He's just a little itty bitty baby.

Go & Tell

Chorus

Go and tell, go and tell, everybody go and tell.
Go and tell about Jesus.
Go and tell, go and tell, everybody go and tell
Go and tell about Jesus.

Verse 1

Jesus is Messiah come
The Christmas gift for everyone
A gift of love that says to go
And tell the news to all we know.

Chorus

Go and tell, go and tell, everybody go and tell
Go and tell about Jesus.
Go and tell, go and tell, everybody go and tell
Go and tell about Jesus.

1st-5th Grade Only Songs

TRU DAT!

Rapper 1: An angel came to Mary one day,

Everyone: Tru dat! Tru dat! First thing he said was, "Don't be afraid!"

Everyone: Tru dat! Tru dat! You're gonna be the mother of God's Son."

Everyone: Tru dat! Tru dat! She said, "According to your word, let it be done!"

Everyone: Tru dat! Tru dat!

Everyone: God's Word is true, that's a fact. Nothing in the world can change that!

Tru dat! Tru dat! Tru dat!

Rapper 2: An angel came to shepherds one day,

Everyone: Tru dat! Tru dat! First thing he said was, "Don't be afraid!"

Everyone: Tru dat! Tru dat! Go see God's Son in Bethlehem."

Everyone: Tru dat! Tru dat! So the shepherds ran to worship Him!

Everyone: Tru dat! Tru dat!

Everyone: God's Word is true, that's a fact. Nothing in the world can change that!

Tru dat!

Everyone

You can't deny what Christmas is. It's about what Jesus did,

Born to save the world from sin so we could be born again.

You can't deny what Christmas is. It's about what Jesus did,

Born to save the world from sin so we could be born again.

Tru dat! Tru dat! Tru dat!

Rapper 3: You can follow Jesus today,

Everyone: Tru dat! Tru dat! There's no reason to be afraid!

Everyone: Tru dat! Tru dat! His love will change you through and through.

Everyone: Tru dat! Tru dat! His Word will show you what to do.

Everyone: Tru dat! Tru dat!

Everyone: God's Word is true, that's a fact. Nothing in the world can change that!

Tru dat!

Everyone

You can't deny what Christmas is. It's about what Jesus did,

Born to save the world from sin so we could be born again.

You can't deny what Christmas is. It's about what Jesus did,

Born to save the world from sin so we could be born again.

Tru dat! (x8)

1st-5th Grade Only Songs

EMMANUEL

SOLO 1 / Verse 1

When it all goes wrong,
when the journey's long,
when I don't understand,

ALL / Chorus

He is still:
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
Joy to our world, the Savior is here
Emmanuel.

ALL / Verse 2

When it all goes wrong,
I will sing my song.
When it falls apart,

ALL / Chorus

He is still:
Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
Joy to our world, the Savior is here
Emmanuel.

God With Us,
He is here Emmanuel!
God With Us,
victory over fear.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel.
Joy to the world, the Savior is here
Emmanuel.

God With Us,
He is here Emmanuel!
God With Us, victory over fear.
God With Us,
He is here Emmanuel!
God With Us, though the road's unclear.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!

1st-5th Grade Only Songs

ALL IS WELL

Solo

All is well. All is well.
Angels and men, rejoice!
For tonight darkness fell
Into the dawn of love's light.
Sing, Al-le, sing, Al-le-luia!

Everyone

All is well. All is well.
Let there be peace on earth.
Christ is come;
Go and tell
That He is in the manger.
Sing, Al-le, sing, Al-le-luia!

All is well. All is well.
Lift up your voice and sing.
Born is now Emmanuel,
Born is our Lord and Savior.
Sing, Al-le-luia! Sing, Al-le-luia!
All is well.

Narration

Child 1: "And she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloth and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn."

Child 2: "There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them."

Child 3: "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people."

Child 4: "Today in the town of David, a Saviour has been born."

All 4 Children: "He is Christ, the Lord!"

Everyone

Born is now Emmanuel,
Born is our Lord and Savior.
Sing, Al-le-luia! Sing, Al-le-luia!

Solo:

All is well.
All is well.

1st-5th Grade Only Songs

"A NIGHT TO REMEMBER"

Verse 1 - Solo

A night to remember that changed me forever,
When I asked the Savior to live in my heart;
The love of the Father can change you forever,
The moment that Jesus is born in your heart.

Verse 2 - Solo

A night to remember, a night you will treasure,
When Jesus Messiah steps into your world.
The love of the Father was born in a manger,
And now God is with us, the Light of the world.

Chorus - All

Come celebrate with us,
Our God is glorious,
King Jesus forever will reign;
Come, everybody sing,
Give praises to the King,
And worship His wonderful name.

Verse 3 - All

A night to remember,
A night you will treasure,
When Jesus Messiah steps into your world;
The love of the Father was born in a manger,
And now God is with us, the Light of the world.

Glory in the highest to the King of kings!

(Ensemble: Are you ready for some good news?)

Glory in the highest to the King!

(Ensemble: Are you ready for some great joy?)

Peace on earth, goodwill to men on whom His favor rests, yes!

Glory in the highest to the King!

Glory in the highest to the King of kings!

(Ensemble: Are you ready for some good news?)

Glory in the highest to the King!

(Ensemble: Are you ready for some great joy?)

Peace on earth, goodwill to men on whom His favor rests, yes!

Glory in the highest to the King!

Are you ready for some good news?

(Boys: Good News!)

Are you ready for some great joy?

(Boys: Great joy!)

Let me hear you sayin', "Fear not!"

(Boys: Fear Not!)

You're gonna cheer and make some noise!

(Boys: Alright!)

Are you ready for some good news?

(Boys: Good News!)

Are you ready for some great joy?

(Boys: Great joy!)

Let me hear you sayin', "Fear not!"

(Boys: Fear Not!)

You're gonna cheer and make some noise!

*Everyone cheers!

continued...

Kids sing with thumbs pointing to chest -

Everybody sing, "Good News!"

Kids sing while pointing to the congregation (Inviting them to join) -

Good News! Good News!

Kids sing with thumbs pointing to chest -

Everybody sing, "Great Joy!"

Kids sing while pointing to the congregation -

Great Joy! Great Joy!

Kids sing with thumbs pointing to chest -

Whoa...

Kids sing while pointing to the congregation -

Whoa...

Kids sing with thumbs pointing to chest -

Whoa...

Kids sing while pointing to the congregation -

Whoa...

Kids Only

Are you ready for some good news?

Are you ready for some great joy?

Let me hear you sayin', "Fear not!"

Good news, great joy!

YEAH! (Spoken)

THE GIFT OF JOY! (Closing Song w/ PreK+K & 1st-5th)

Chorus – PreK+K & 1st-5th grade

Joy, joy, joy,
Filled with over-flowin' joy!
We've got joy, joy, joy!
Oh, good news, great joy!
We're bringin' you joy, joy, joy!
Celebrate the gift and sing,
"Merry Christmas to our Lord and King!"
(REPEAT)

Verse 1 - 1st-5th grade Solo

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Emanuel, our God with us;
Celebrate and sing!
Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns,
The mighty Prince of Peace
Who showed us all it's better to give than to receive!

Repeat Chorus – PreK+K & 1st-5th grade

Verse 2 - 1st-5th grade Solo

We thank You for the gift of Jesus
Wrapped in heaven's love.
We thank You that You came to earth
with blessings from above.
A miracle of miracles;
God would pay the price
to save us all forever,
to reign with You on high!

Repeat Chorus – PreK+K & 1st-5th grade

Bridge – PreK+K & 1st-5th grade

("In excelsis Deo" translates to "Glory to God in the highest")
Let me hear you say:
Deo, Deo, in excelsis Deo! Deo, Deo, glory in the highest!
Deo, Deo, in excelsis Deo! Deo, Deo, glory in the highest!

Repeat Chorus – PreK+K & 1st-5th grade

Closing

Joy, joy, joy!
Celebrate the gift and sing,
"Merry Christmas to our Lord and King!"
YEAH! (Spoken)

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

WELL CHILD POLICY: For the protection of all the children in our ministry, we cannot accept a child with a runny nose, fresh cold (four days or less), fever, red or runny eyes, sore throat, undiagnosed rash, persistent cough, vomiting, diarrhea, illness being treated with antibiotics for less than 24 hours or any other signs of illness.

FIRST AID: First Aid kits are located throughout campus.

- NextGen Center 1st and 2nd Floors: Every classroom
- Worship Center 1st Floor & Rec Center: KidsPraise Atrium Table
- Defibrillators are mounted in several locations in the Atrium and in the 1st Floor Stairwell of the NextGen Center. The Security Team is trained to use them.

ALLERGIES/MEDICAL NEEDS: Allergies or special medical needs are denoted on the front of VPK+K child's name stickers and 1st-5th graders' name tags are marked as well. Leaders are provided detailed information as well.

FOOD + SNACKS: We regularly serve snacks to VPK+K children but do not typically do so with 1st-5th grade. If you plan to bring in special snacks for your group, please check every child's name tag before bringing out the food. Some allergies are airborne and can be life-threatening.

CHILDREN WITH DIFFERING ABILITIES: We place a high value on all God's children and try to keep kids with differing abilities in the most inclusive environment that is in their best interest. When we know of a student with differing abilities, we will communicate with leaders and customize a plan. Depending on a child's needs, we may assign a one-on-one volunteer who pairs up with them on Wednesday evenings.

TOYS + DISTRACTIONS FROM HOME: To ensure a focused, engaging, and productive environment for all, we have encouraged the children to leave their toys, electronic devices, outside food or drink and other distractions at home. By minimizing distractions, this will allow them to concentrate better, participate actively, and gain the most from the experience.

PARENT/GUARDIAN VISITORS: Parents/legal guardians may attend their child's ministry environment for no more than two occasions before being required to complete the church's full volunteer screening process. Visitors must check in with ministry leadership and be clearly identified with a badge that distinguishes them from approved volunteers. *All other visitors must be escorted by church staff or approved volunteer at all times.

- Parent/Guardian Visitors are present solely to attend to their own child. They may not supervise, discipline, provide personal care for, or assume responsibility for other children; escort children other than their own to the restroom; be alone with a child other than their own; or otherwise serve in a staff or volunteer capacity.
- Parent/Guardian Visitors must remain in designated ministry areas, follow all applicable child protection policies and instructions from ministry leadership, and remain within appropriate sight and supervision of screened ministry workers. Any parent or guardian wishing to participate beyond the permitted observation visits must successfully complete the church's established screening and approval process before serving. Ministry staff reserves the right to restrict or discontinue a visit when safety concerns, disruptions, space limitations or other circumstances warrant it.

FALL 2026 CALENDAR

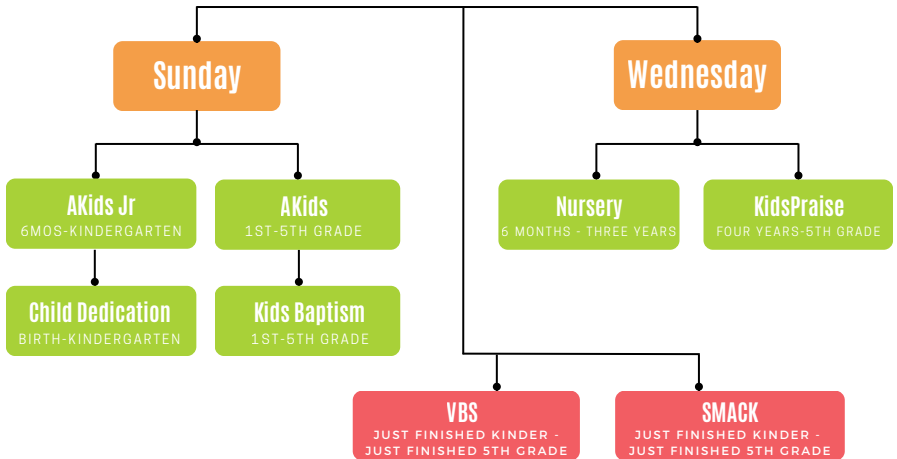
AnastasiaKids.com/calendar

Wednesday, 8/26	KidPraise Leadership Training Dinner & Details, 6 pm CLC
Wednesday, 9/2	KidsPraise Kick Off / 1st Night of Electives
Wednesday, 9/9	KP#2
Sunday, 9/13	Beach Baptism, Butler Beach at 1:30 pm
Wednesday, 9/16	KP#3; First Day of Solo+Speaking Part Auditions
Sunday, 9/20	Mission Sunday / Mission Partner Fair in Atrium
Wednesday, 9/23	KP#4; Second Day of Solo+Speaking Part Auditions
Wednesday, 9/30	KP#5
Sunday, 10/4	KP Fishing Class A - Fishing Trip, 1-3 pm
Wednesday, 10/7	KP#6 / Last night of Session A Electives
Wednesday, 10/14	KP #7 / First night of Session B Electives
Wednesday, 10/21	KP#8
Wednesday, 10/28	KP#9
Wednesday, 11/4	KP#10
Wednesday, 11/11	Veteran's Day / KP DOES NOT MEET
Sunday, 11/15	KP Fishing Class B - Fishing Trip, 1-3 pm
Wednesday, 11/18	KP #11 / Last Night of Session B Electives
Sunday, 11/22	Congregation Meeting / 4 pm in CLC
Wednesday, 11/25	Thanksgiving Week / KP DOES NOT MEET
Wednesday, 12/2	Combined Rehearsal - Fours through 5th grade together VPK/Fours & K check-in and dismiss as usual in NextGen Center 1 st Floor
Monday, 12/7	• 3:45 - 5 pm REQUIRED Tech Rehearsal in the CLC for all speakers and soloists. • 4:45 pm Dancers arrive • 5:00-5:30 pm Dinner provided for children who arrived at 3:45 pm • 5:00-5:30 pm Dance Team rehearses on stage • 5:45 - 7:30 pm REQUIRED DRESS Rehearsal in the CLC for all children Fours thru 5th Grade who want to perform in the final performance concert on Wednesday. • All KidsPraise kids form the chorus of the performance - this is what we've been working toward all semester.
Wednesday, 12/9	• 5:30 pm Kids arrive wearing grey KidsPraise tee shirt and blue or black pants/jeans • 6:00 pm KidsPraise Concert Performance in the CLC • Last night of KidsPraise!

SAVE THESE 2027 DATES!

Wednesday, 1/13/2027	KidPraise Leadership Training Dinner & Details, 6 pm
Wednesday, 1/20/2027	KidPraise Kick Off / 1 st Night of Electives

ANASTASIA KIDS



Anastasia Kids, our children's ministry at Anastasia Church, is led by a team of staff and volunteers whose vision is to partner with parents and families to help your child discover and embrace a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Our ministry exists to bring children into age appropriate worship where they can belong to the family of God, grow in their relationship with Christ, learn to serve, and then go share Christ in the world.

AKids and **AKids Jr.** offer a Sunday curriculum for infants through 5th grade to teach children about making wiser choices, building stronger relationships, and developing a deeper faith.

Anastasia KidsPraise is our midweek worship + arts ministry for children from four years old through 5th grade. Our goal is to guide children in knowing Jesus Christ as their Savior and becoming lifelong worshipers of God through music, arts, and media. We do this by equipping kids to offer whatever talents, gifts, and skills they possess back to God as an act of worship.

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